

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

In the Office Action mailed December 18, 2002, the Examiner suggested changes to claims 1 and 13 to eliminate the allegedly indefinite language "adapted to be" used in the claims to describe certain circuit connections. These amendments have been made to claim 1 as suggested by the Examiner and reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112 is requested.

With respect to claim 13, it is Applicants' intent that this claim read on the node structure; i.e., the two circuit boards, as a subcombination, not yet connected into the system. The prior art appears to allow such a claim and reconsideration is requested.

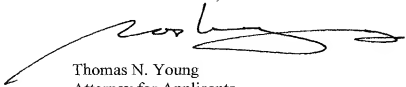
Applicants note the prior art made of record but not relied upon. In addition to that prior art, Applicant wishes to bring the disclosure of U.S. Patent No. 6,404,607, copy enclosed, to the Examiner's attention.

This patent does not disclose or make obvious the concept of a control node comprising the combination of a first relatively fixed circuit board and a second expandable circuit board as set forth in claims 1-13 of the present application.

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